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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in the subject application, which is a continuation application of Application No. 10/068,424 filed 7 February 2002 for **UMBRELLA APPARATUS**. Filed herewith is a Request for Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), including a copy of the original application and the Declaration.

In the Request for Continued Application, the Applicant cancelled original Claims 2-20. Original Claim 1 is hereby cancelled, as well, and new Claims 20-38 are hereby added. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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